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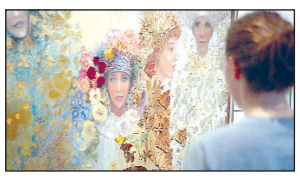

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Cortney Tate, sophomore health promotion and wellness major, works during the Missouri Southern Foundation's annual Phonathon calling Southern alumni and asking for donations.

Can you hear me now?

Annual Phonathon kicks off to raise money for Southern

BY PHILIP MARTIN
Executive Editor

With the sound of students getting phone donations, the annual Missouri Southern Foundation Phonathon kicked off.

On Jan. 27 the Foundation started its Phonathon with a check from United Missouri Bank presented to University President Julio León for $1,500. Curt Betebenner, director of the Foundation, said this year the phonathon is attempting to raise more than last year's goal amount — 2003's goal was to raise $100,000.

"This year we want to raise $200,000," Betebenner said. "I know that sounds very aggressive but what we've done is we're taking multi-year pledges this year."

The multi-year pledges are for three years. He said doubling the goal "sounds aggressive" but the three-year pledges make it easier to meet the goal. Betebenner said 21.4 percent of donors make a multi-year pledge. Dr. Beverly Block, interim assistant vice president for academic affairs, said the multi-year donations are a good idea.

"If you want to give a fairly sizeable donation, being able to give it once is sometimes a little bit difficult," Block said. "Being able to spread it out over three years is a little more attractive."

He said the reason the Foundation is taking multi-year pledges is because there are projects the Foundation wants to fund in the future, but would not get

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Looking toward Missouri

Jonathan BeVille/The Chart

Retired four-star Gen. Wesley K. Clark meets with supporters Jan. 26 at City Hall Plaza in Manchester, N.H. Clark, whose political career began four months ago when he declared himself a candidate for president, placed third in the New Hampshire Primary with 12 percent of the vote.

Candidates prepare for next step

BY JONATHAN BEVILLE
Associate Editor

MANCHESTER, N.H. — The election year theme for Democratic candidates in 2004 could be "electability."

New Hampshire voters turned out in near record numbers to give Sen. John F. Kerry (D-Mass.) his second win on the road to capturing the Democratic nomination for president.

Kerry captured 39 percent of the vote, winning 13 of the state's 24 convention delegates.

Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean came in second in the race, trailing Kerry by 13 points and winning the remaining nine of New Hampshire's convention delegates.

Kerry, whose campaign once trailed Dean's by double digits, spoke to supporters gathered at the Holiday Inn Center in Manchester.

In the end, it appeared Kerry was the victor in claiming the minds, if not the hearts, of undecided voters.

Exit polls on primary day indicated many last-minute decisions broke in favor of the junior Massachusetts senator, coming back to the watchword of the political season: electability.

> *"... I depended on the same band of brothers that I depended on 30 years ago."*
>
> **Sen. John Kerry**
> *Democratic Candidate*

"In the hardest moments of the past month, I depended on the same band of brothers that I depended on 30 years ago," Kerry said to a room overflowing with supporters.

Members of the International Fire Fighters Association, an organization that endorsed Kerry in the early days of his campaign, barred supporters and press alike from entering the salon due to an order from the city's fire marshal. Press and partygoers were allowed to enter the room one at a time; one going in for each one who left the room.

As the polls closed across the Granite State, voices rang out in celebration as television sets placed throughout a modified gymnasium announced the likelihood of Dean's close second place finish.

The several gymnasiums of the Southern New Hampshire University Field House were transformed over the course of the week by the Dean campaign to accommodate staff, supporters, speeches and an international press corps.

For 40 years between 1952 and 1992 no man had reached the White House without first winning the New Hampshire Primary. In 2000, President George W. Bush lost the state to former White House Aide Pat Buchanan, and in 1992 President Clinton came in second to Sen. Paul Tsongas (D-Mass.).

In his introduction to voters on election night, Dean supporter and New Hampshire Labor Commissioner Jim Casey said he looked forward to history repeating itself.

"We all know what happened last time the first place in New Hampshire was given to a New England senator, and second to the

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VP candidate meets students, faculty for campus forum

BY T.J. GERLACH
Managing Editor

On Jan. 22, the first of the four finalists for an administrative position at Missouri Southern toured the campus and met with various groups.

Dr. Richard McCallum
VP Candidate

For almost three years, Dr. Richard McCallum has been the associate vice president for academic affairs at Central Connecticut State University in New Britton, Conn.

He applied for the position of vice president for academic affairs at Southern for numerous reasons, both personal and professional.

McCallum said he applied because he is interested in

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Assessment exam looms in February for 2004 graduates

BY JERRY MANTER
Editor-in-Chief

Freshmen, sophomores and juniors will be able to thank seniors for a day off next month.

On Feb. 18, Missouri Southern seniors will be taking a state-issued assessment test that's required for graduation.

Dr. Delores Honey
Assistant Vice President for Assessment

"Every institution in the state has to test their students," said Dr. Delores Honey, assistant vice president for assessment and institutional research. "It's a measure of our instruction and our academic research."

Missouri Southern began testing its seniors in 1987.

"We began assessing students before it was required by the state," Honey said.

The test, which will feature general education questions, will be taken by 600-700 students in a morning and afternoon session.

"We use these tests to improve curriculum," she said.

Honey said Southern used to use longer and more

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Low: 31

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Mostly Cloudy
High: 35
Low: 17

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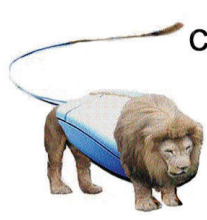

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This week's online poll:
How important are the Democratic presidential primary elections to you?

Senate plans new building

BY NATE BILLINGS
International Editor

Student senators had the chance to meet the architects designing the proposed health and recreation building after the Student Senate meeting Jan. 28.

Senators brought forth several questions about the costs, convenience and security of the building.

The representatives of the design company RDG and the planning company Brailsford and Dunlavey answered the questions the best they could based on the small amount of information they have collected since their initial meetings.

Zack Odem
Student Senate President

Jeffery Schaub, partner with RDG, gave senators an overview of the items the company is looking for while deciding on the features of the recreation center students are most looking for.

Josh Doak, co-adviser to Senate, said the meeting went well between the senators and the designers.

He said the meeting will stress the importance of the need for a recreation center.

Adam Griffin, co-adviser to Senate, agreed and said the center will bring up retention and recruitment levels.

Darren Fullerton, director of campus recreation, attended the meeting.

"Communication is the toughest thing on this campus," he said.

"But we want to let students know this isn't just a one-stop trip."

Fullerton said the meeting with Senate is the first of many between the designers and student organizations.

The Senate meeting allowed the designers to meet with representatives of the whole campus, not just a specific group of students.

"This is a real chance to have the students design the building," Fullerton said.

Zack Odem, Senate president, agreed.

"I was surprised by the number of questions," he said. "We could have gone on much longer."

Odem said by giving input, the building will be one students will use, because the building will have the items they want and need.

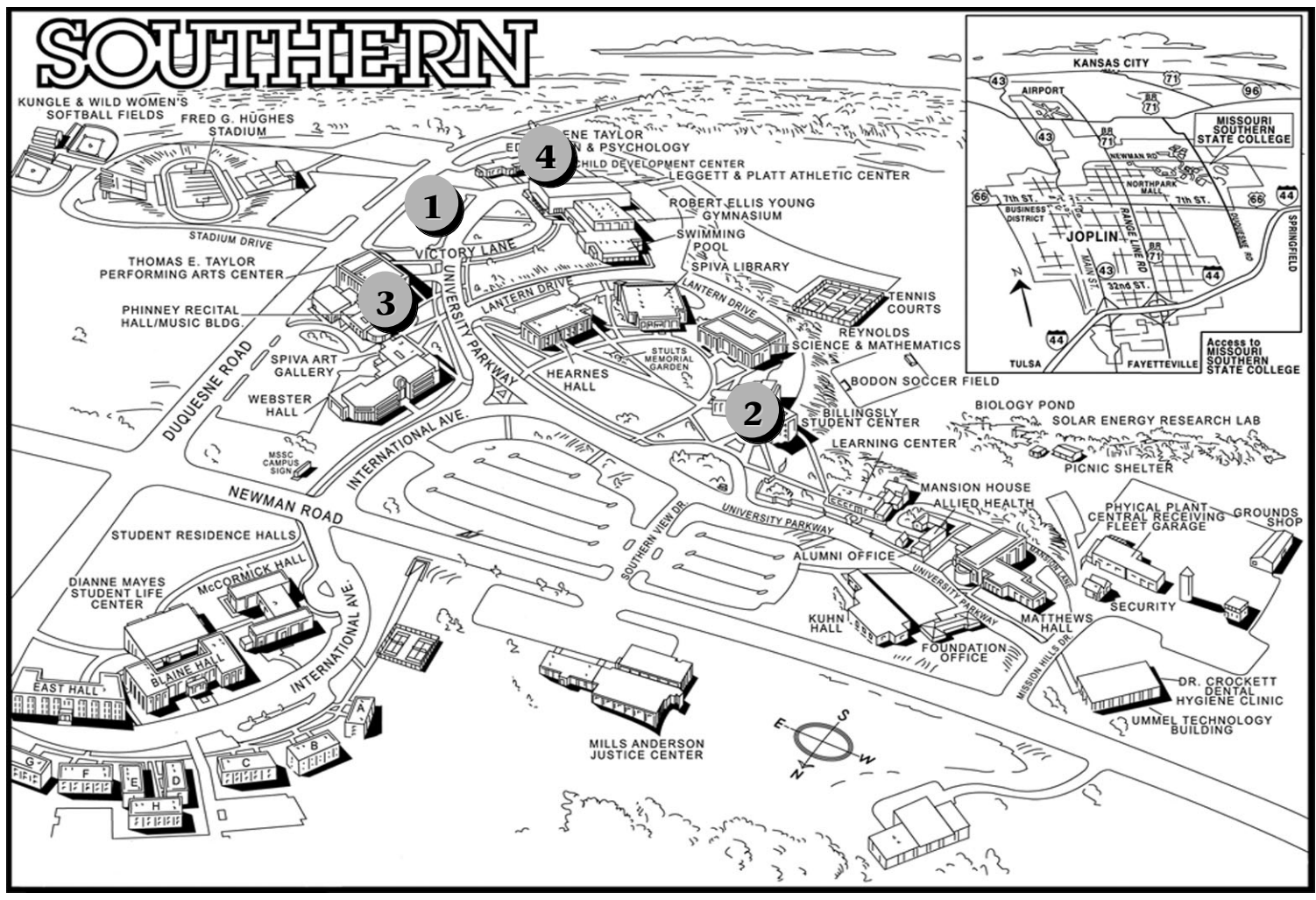
Senate adjourned early for the meeting, but it still looked at several issues.

The Senate budget was able to safely add an estimated $8,000 from student fees. An exact amount will be available at the Feb. 4 meeting. Senate had approximately $8,513 in its budget as of Jan. 28.

Senate also suspended the rules to fill the two remaining seats. Three candidates attended the meeting, but Senate could only vote two into the positions. Alex Vassilev, freshman CIS, computational math and Spanish major and Netza Smith, junior accounting major were elected to Senate.

The Senate trip to tour the state correctional facility in Jefferson City had to be changed to a tour of the governor's mansion, as the correctional facility is no longer giving tours.

So far, 36 senators are going on the trip.



Student karate chops another after cutting in line

1 Vehicle Accident

1/26/2004

7 p.m.

A student contacted security in reference to a vehicle accident he was involved in. The vehicle the student was driving skidded on the ice and the student was unable to keep control of the car.

The student hit the curb with both front wheels causing the airbags to deploy and both wheels were pushed into the inner fender wells. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

2 Disturbance

1/26/2004

12:41 p.m.

Security was notified by a SodexHo worker that a fight had occurred at the soft drink machine between two students. One student said he was waiting in line for the drinks when the other cut in front of him. When the student approached the other about it, he was karate chopped in the forehead. The student then grabbed the other by throat and fell to the ground.

The second student said he was having a bad day and did hit the other in the head. A report was made to the dean of students.

3 Theft

1/21/2004

7:40 p.m.

A theatre instuctor contacted security in reference to a missing projector.

The instructor said he had set up the projector for three students who were watching a video for a make-up class. The students left around noon, but were unable to secure the projector. All subjects were questioned by the instructor and said the projector was there when they left.

The projector was an Epson. The estimated value is $3,945.

4 Disturbance

1/21/2004

8:55 a.m.

Security was called to Taylor Hall in reference to a disturbance. Upon arrival, security observed a male discussing a matter with the building custodian. The custodian seemed to be upset about the discussion. Security asked the male to step outside, which he did.

Security questioned the man and then asked him to leave and advised the custodian to take out an order of protection.

Campus Calendar

Nursing department announces baccalaureate accreditation

The department of nursing has announced the on site visit of the National League of Nursing Accrediting Commission on Feb. 10-12. The NLNAC will be taking a look at the baccalaureate degree option for nursing majors.

Members of the public are invited to meet the NLNAC program evaluators at 2 p.m. Feb. 11 in Kuhn Hall, Room 204.

Violin academy student performs Mendelssohn, wins competition

One of the Suzuki Violin Academy's students has won the Ozark Festival Orchestra's Young Artist Concerto Competition Jan. 10 in Monett.

Toby Murphy of Webb City, student of Dr. Kexi Liu, assistant professor of music, won the competition by performing the "Violin Concerto in E Minor" by Mendelssohn. Murphy will perform the piece with the Ozark Festival Orchestra March 27 in Monett. For information persons may contact Liu at 625-9681.

Campus Catholics discuss Lent, meaning of Easter at retreat

Catholic Campus Ministries will hold a retreat Jan. 31 for Catholic students and faculty to discuss the meaning of Easter and the preparation of the season Lent. The retreat will be presented by Mark Boyer. For information, persons may contact Dr. Jim Jackson at 625-9578 or by e-mail at jackson-j@mssu.edu.

Tutors set times for students in need of writing assistance

Students can choose between 34 different writing tutoring times each week.

Writing tutors have been trained to support the efforts of the students. Tutors do not write or edit students' papers. Tutors include: Kimberly Bastin, secondary education and English major; Nate Billings, International Editor for *The Chart* and mass communications major; Greg Salzer, sociology major; and Candice Dickinson, finance major.

The tutoring service is free to the public and can help students at all levels improve their writing. Persons interested in signing up for the lessons can visit the Learning Center and sign up for the tutoring session they plan to attend or contact the Learning Center at 625-9558 or 625-9657.

Brown Bag kicks off semester with African art presentation

The first Brown Bag of the spring semester will start at 12:10 p.m. Friday in the Connor Ballroom of the Billingsly Student Center. The presentation will be "Gender, Power and Life Cycle Rituals Engendered in African Art" and will be presented by Val Christensen. Lunch is provided by academic affairs and SodexHo. The free lunch is a mini-buffet outside BSC Room 310. Persons with questions may contact Beverly Block at 625-9555 or via e-mail at block-b@mssu.edu.

The next Brown Bag is scheduled for Feb. 6 and will be presented by William Trudeau. Trudeau will be presenting "When Language Skills Are a Problem: (Some) International Students and the Classroom." The Feb. 13 Brown Bag and will feature Dr. Larry Cebula and Dr. Steve Wagner presenting "Detecting and Preventing Plagiarism: A Presentation and Workshop."

Health department provides free, confidential HIV testing

The Joplin City Health Department will be on campus from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. on alternating Wednesdays. The next time the department will be on campus will be Feb. 4 in the Missouri Southern Student Health Center located in Kuhn Hall, Room 301.

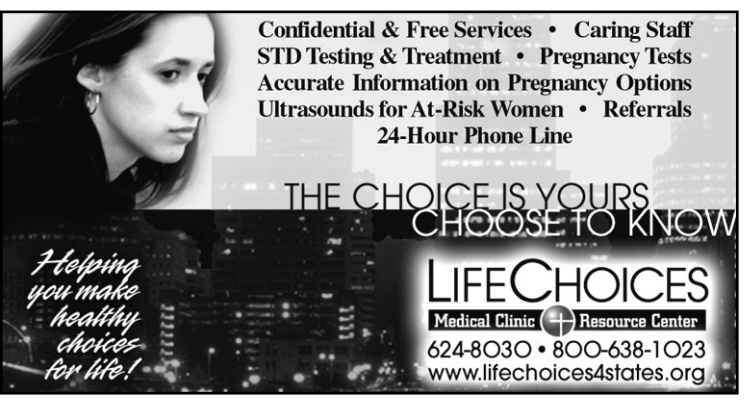
Persons interested in the test may call 625-9323 for an appointment. Appointments are taken by first name only. The service is free and confidential. Free HIV and STD testing is also available at the Joplin City Health Department. Persons interested may call 623-6122.

Lambda Epsilon Chi shows free movie before next meeting

Lambda Epsilon Chi will be showing *Paper Chase* at 6 p.m. Feb. 6 in Webster Hall, Room 223. LEX meets next at 12:20 p.m. Feb. 10 in Webster Hall, Room 106.

Sigma Tau Delta sells books, T-shirts at annual book sale

Sigma Tau Delta will be holding a book and T-shirt sale Feb. 19 and 20. The organization will also be hosting Hina body art, prices range from $3-$15 depending on size. For more information persons can contact Dr. Doris Walters at 625-9644.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NE Union – Ballroom
Registration: 3 – 5

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Monday, February 10
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Architects survey campus, students

BY DAVID HAUT
Public Forum Editor

> *"There is little doubt about the need for this kind of facility."*
> **Jeffery Schaub**
> *Partner in RDG Planning and Design*

Representatives from RDG and Brailsford and Dunlavey architectural firms came to Missouri Southern this week to discuss the plans for a new recreation center, and they're not playing games.

Timothy Miller, senior associate for Brailsford and Dunlavey, is optimistic about the project.

"This is how you generate a strong alumni base," he said. "You pave the road for the future. You have to keep your students happy."

The proposed rec center would be designed to accommodate both residential and commuter students.

Proposed ideas for the center include a gymnasium, a rock wall and a lounge area.

Other proposals included a mechanical bull, a movie theater and a bowling alley. However, due to their large financial accommodation, they would require a large amount of student support.

Discussion began on Jan. 27 as the representatives met with various campus groups, as well as University President Julio León.

"We need to figure out what it will it take," Miller said. "What will make it worthwhile for this campus?"

Campus residents met with the representatives Jan. 27 to express their interests, and both the Campus Activities Board and Student Senate had discussions with them on Jan. 28.

Based on the ideas collected from these student focus groups, a survey will be written and distributed to the student body, suggestively via e-mail.

Students are strongly encouraged to participate in the survey, which will be distributed to the campus sometime before spring break.

The architects will return to campus with the results of the survey and consult with students later in the semester.

Although there has not yet been a donation for the project, there are currently private donors awaiting student interests and conceptual design before attaching their name and money to the building.

As for additional funding, funds may come from tuition increase.

Miller said it's still too early to allocate funds when we don't know exactly what the facility will consist of.

Operating costs are the same way, Miller said.

"We just don't know yet," he said.

"There is very little doubt about the need for this kind of facility," said Jeffery Schaub, partner in RDG planning and design. "It's more of a question as to what goes in."

Students will likely receive a survey in their campus e-mail within a month.

Both a site and a financial analysis are expected to be released by the end of the semester.

A conceptual design will be sure to follow.

PLOWIN' AROUND

Nancy Hight-Morris/The Chart

Michael Thompson, groundskeeper, shovels snow off a sidewalk Jan. 27 behind Webster Hall after the area received about an inch of snow the night before.

MSSC remnants still exist in bookstore, on vehicles

'College' memorabilia continues to sell well despite new products

BY MONIQUE JAMERSON
Staff Writer

While some of us like the new "U," others are still nostalgic for the old college look.

Greg Needham, bookstore manager, said there are few "MSSC" clothing articles left because students are still interested in the old look.

"A lot of people are also buying the heavy frosted mugs for collector's items," he said.

Needham said he believes the students are starting to realize Missouri Southern is no longer a college but a university so they are purchasing the old items for keepsakes.

The bookstore still has a variety of college mugs, a few pocketknives and college pennants left behind.

Alexis Mallory, sophomore speech communications major, said the MSSC items should be given away at athletic events to promote school spirit. She also thinks the prices should be dropped more than what they have been.

Mallory said it is like walking into a clothing store that is clearing its floor for the upcoming season. The old season's clothing is marked down by at least 60 percent because the store is bringing in new items of clothing.

"The bookstore should think of it as a new season, with new items," she said.

Needham said he plans to drop the prices if sales decline, but it depends solely on the item. The bookstore still has a number of MSSC decals in stock, and he said those items would probably never sell regardless of the price.

"It's weird but the heavy frosted mugs are selling well, so more than likely the prices won't be dropped," Needham said.

"When the university items began arriving, room was made because these are the items that people want."

"The greatest challenge for me isn't selling the old items, but getting the new items people want."

For those who like the new university look, there are several styles and colors available in the bookstore as well as the college items.

Making the transition from MSSC to MSSU has affected many, including the campus's physical plant.

Bob Harrington, director of the physical plant, said the security vehicles and the vans have been changed to Missouri Southern State University, and the security vehicles now read, Department of Public Safety instead of Missouri Southern Safety and Security.

Harrington said he has no plans to change the blue trucks because most of them are in bad condition.

"Before putting the new name on the old blue trucks, they would have to be sanded down and re-painted, and it's just not worth it," he said

Harrington said it was inexpensive and took little time to change the other trucks because they used vinyl lettering.

"It was about $20 per truck," he said.

Dropouts plague pageant

BY PHILIP MARTIN
Executive Editor

Dreams of being Miss Missouri Southern have been dashed after the cancellation of the beauty pageant by the Campus Activities Board.

CAB decided to cancel the event after students, who were initially interested in participating started to back out.

Terry Levy, junior criminal justice/pre-law major, said students backing out of participating in the pageant caused the cancellation.

"A lot of students showed interest but as time went on they decreased interest due to shyness," Levy said.

He said the students who originally wanted to be in the show decided they would be better suited watching the pageant.

Julie Blackford, director of student activities, said Levy was working on making the pageant nationally recognized.

Julie Blackford
Director of Student Activities

"Terry was working on getting the winner to move on to Miss Missouri or Miss America," Blackford said.

This is not the first time the University would have had a beauty pageant.

Southern used to have a Miss Missouri Southern contest in the 1960s. Levy said the pageant idea will be brought up again to be held next year.

"With this first year we were getting our feet wet," he said. "We were actually going to start doing that next year. Now that we canceled this one, we will start that next year, making our winner nationally recognized."

Levy said the students did not seem to be disappointed in the cancellation because most students were shy about competing.

Blackford said Levy was frustrated after all the work he had put in, only for the competition to get canceled.

"He could stand back and look at it to see that maybe it's best that we canceled it," Blackford said. "I don't think anyone else was upset. I was kind of disappointed, because I thought it would have been a really neat event for Southern."

Although there was student interest, she said it was in the best interest of the students not hold the competition.

"I'd rather be disappointed now than put on an event that students didn't appreciate or they didn't like it," Blackford said, "or not having anyone show up or not having enough participants and cancel it the week before."

The pageant was originally scheduled to be held March 10, the week of Spring Break Blitz.

Blackford and Levy both said CAB will now focus more on the talent show for that week. She said the Board might move the talent show from March 8 to March 10, because it gives CAB two more days to promote it.

Native American group studies culture, plans trip to pow-wow, forms bonds

BY JESSICA MACINTOSH
Online Editor

The Native American Student Association is trying to bring awareness of the Native American culture on campus at Missouri Southern.

The association, which started in spring 2001, was formed in order to share the culture of Native Americans with the campus.

"There are a lot of Native Americans here in the area," said Deanna Glass, adviser of NASA.

"There is a lot of diversity," said Travis Whitman, sophomore international business major. "Each group has different customs."

Glass said NASA is about exploring the culture.

In a brochure about NASA, the group's objectives are to learn about Native American culture, to encourage the discussion and study of the historical and contemporary Native Americans, to serve the community on and off campus and to provide fellowship and support for its members.

To become a club or group on campus, Glass said there must first be interest in starting one. She said there also must be someone who is willing to be a sponsor. Student Senate must then approve the club or group.

One of NASA's goals is to recruit students from across the nation. NASA is currently working on planning events on campus.

"They are in the works," Glass said. "We had some events in November."

Some of the events NASA had included was weaving and storytelling. One event the group is planning is a trip to a local pow-wow, and it is also planning Earth Day activities. Glass said the group tries to have one activity a month.

NASA, currently comprised of 12 members, meets every other Wednesday in Spiva Library in the coffee shop.

The group is open to Southern students who have a minimum 2.0 grade-point average. Food is served at each meeting. There are also $5 dues each semester.

"It feels good to have people to relate to," said Seafha Blount, junior biology major. "It (the group) is a good experience."

For information or questions regarding the group, persons may call Glass at 625-9336 or e-mail her at glass-d@mssu.edu.

Nancy Hight-Morris/The Chart

Members of the Native American Student Association meet in the coffee shop.

Editor's Column

Abortion denies lives to thousands

I choose life.

With that one simple statement, I can impact people's lives for years to come. About two weeks ago was the Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, the day Southern Baptists have set aside to observe the outrageous ruling handed down by the U.S. Supreme Court in the Roe v. Wade case on Jan. 22, 1973.

Philip Martin
Executive Editor

Since that ruling, abortion rates have risen to 4,000 a day in the United States alone. Forty million abortions have been performed since the ruling came down more than 30 years ago. It has been estimated one in four women will have an abortion before the age of 40.

Sitting in a classroom here on campus, one could look around and see four or five women and think that one of them, someone who could be a close friend, will have an abortion before they are 40 — someone who would end a life before it even got the chance to live.

How many people on this campus do not know they are statistically susceptible to have an abortion? Many people fail to realize that Christians, who claim this practice to be morally wrong, account for more than half of the 4,000 abortions a day.

Many Christians who commit these abortions do so out of fear. Fear that if the church were to find out, they would become outcasts. No one in the church would accept them; they might even be taught that with this pregnancy out of wedlock they could lose their salvation. A statement that is untrue. LifeChoices in Joplin boasts a 95 percent success rate in stopping abortion; it also claims out of that 95 percent, somewhere between 60 and 70 percent are Christians, usually a child of a preacher, deacon or another prominent church member.

How do we stop this legal genocide? It's simple, abstinence. I know it has been said over and over again, but it is really the only way to stop the killing. If one chooses not to abstain, then one should do so responsibly. Use a condom, birth control or something. If not done responsibly and the woman does become pregnant guys, then take responsibility for your actions and get married or at least take care of the child through financial means when it is born.

Do not sit back and say, "I'm sorry honey, but we're going to have to have an abortion. I have a reputation to protect. I'll pay for the whole thing."

This is wrong. If an unwanted pregnancy occurs then go to LifeChoices or a similar place. Do not give up on life so vainly. For all these reasons, and those I have not mentioned, is the reason I choose to stand up and fight this abomination. I choose life.

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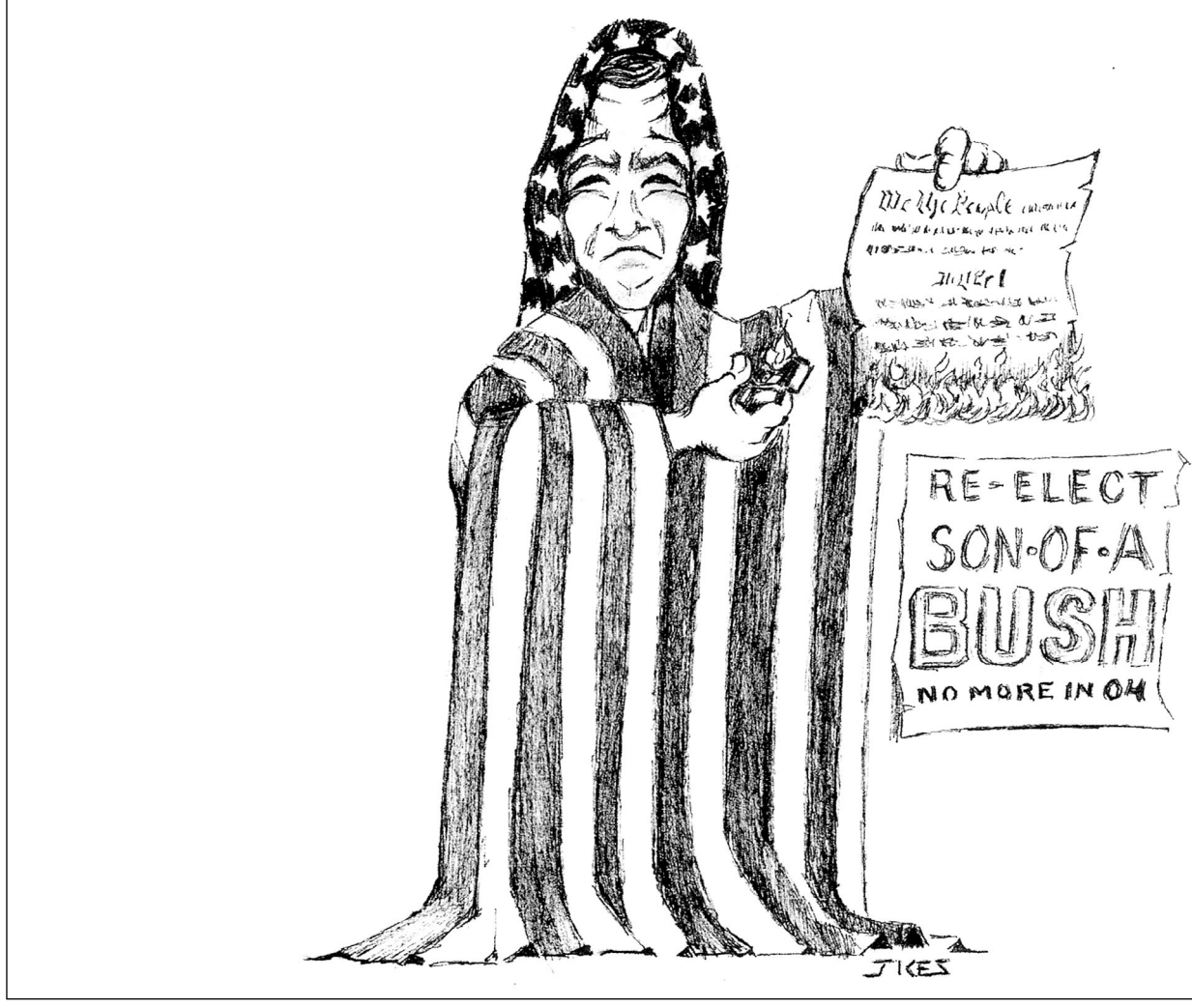


Students forego basic right

Chart Opinion

The presidential election coming up has many people excited, but how many of those people are students? At *The Chart*, we feel there are too few students who care about the coming electoral process.

Yes, there have been some problems with past elections, but this election year can give students the chance to make a difference. Listening to a candidate and weighing the issues can go a long way. If every student who could not or did not vote in the last election voted in the next election, the election process could be much simpler. Students should not have apathy for our democratic roots. Even in the presidential campaign there are many issues, which directly affect students. Education, for example, is one topic many candidates are considering in their run for all positions open this year. One candidate running for president said he would bid for free higher education. Others are considering lowering education costs. If education is not a topic of interest, then the war may be. There is still a debate going on whether to withdraw completely from Iraq or go into other countries. The potential soldiers are the men and women still in college.

Even if it seems distant and "too dry," the electoral process is nothing to scoff at. This country is worth everyone standing up for its base values, and that means voting for the issues too. This year, students and all eligible voters should take to the polls and consider the issues they feel the most influenced by. Then people will have less reason to say, "no one did anything."

Campus Voice

BY NANCY HIGHT-MORRIS

How do you feel about the upcoming presidential election?

"I am not familiar enough with the Democratic nominees because I don't vote in the primaries, so I'll have to wait and see who wins the nomination."

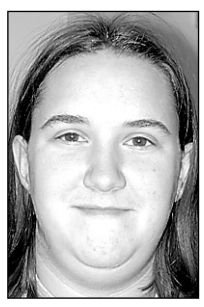
Dean Muse
Senior
Mathematics
Major

"This is the first election I've been able to vote in and paid attention to. I think it's a big circus. The most interesting part of it is the immigration vote, since there's a large Mexican population now."

Jeanine Rea
Sophomore
Undecided
Major

"Actually, I haven't decided how I feel and I really haven't acquainted myself with the guys running. So for now, I'm a Bush fan."

Nancy Janssen
Junior
Early Childhood
Education Major



"I think Kerry may oust Dean for the Democratic nomination."

Brenda Claflin
Senior
Chemistry
Major

"I think John Kerry will give Howard Dean a good run for his money."

Leticia Diaz
Senior
Psychology
Major

Letters

Southern football coach comes at high price

A *Chart* op ed in the Jan. 23 issue complains that "The University has suffered from a lack of student support for anything that remotely resembles athletics in the past," and states that "anyone who attends this University should" care that our "demoralized football players" are getting a new coach.

I suppose that's fair enough, especially considering that this fellow's $70,000 paycheck is effectively coming out of our recently-raised tuition. I can only assume that this same attitude will extend to other areas of study.

First of all, we'll have an $8,200 increase in the salaries of all professors. Then the University will start actively recruiting the best history students from all over the country, to make us all look good. I'll undoubtedly be offered a full scholarship on the strength of one subject, to which I will devote all my time and attention.

The local media will spend large amounts of time covering our recent test scores. Every student will be waiting breathlessly to see whether we pass or fail. We will be taken all around the country in order to vie with groups from other schools for national fame. And I'm sure plans have already begun for the construction of nine separate buildings exclusively for use by our demoralized history majors, equivalent to the cost of the nine athletic facilities already on campus.

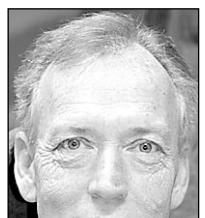
Tegan J. Blackwood
Senior
Undecided Major

In Perspective

Semester system shuts down learning power

End the semester system at Southern.

Instead, offer courses for no more than a month at a time. Rather than extend a course over 16-weeks, concentrate it into four weeks.



Dr. Tom Simpson
Assistant Professor of
Political Science

Allow students to take one course per month. Increase the amount of time a student spends in the class: three-hour daily sessions and 18 sessions per month. A class meeting five days a week for three hours per day for 18 days would have 54 contact hours of instruction. That is almost 25% more time for instruction than the current 16 week, three-days-per-week, for 50 minutes each day scheme that produces less than 40 contact hours.

My idea features more time on task, more contact with the professor, and a singular focus on a subject.

My idea also makes scheduling easier. Ever tried to pry a student into a closed class that is offered every other year and required for graduation? It is not easy. With my concentrated approach, classes would be offered on a more frequent rotation. And cumbersome courses (that is, those courses that have lab attachments, or are less or more than the standard three credit hours, or have companion requirements) would be easier to schedule.

For instance, Physical Science 100 is a five-hour course. And, it has a lab, usually on an off day than the lecture sessions. It is a necessary course for a solid education but, nevertheless, cumbersome. When I schedule my advisees for Phys 100, I start with it, then build the semester schedule around it. It is easier that way. With my one-month courses, you could schedule Phys 100 almost any month.

The student has the flexibility to choose the months he or she wants to attend. For example, let's say that I want to escape the brutality of the Missouri winters by spending January and February in the Virgin Islands. With the semester system, my choices are to endure the winter in school or to lay out a semester, a five-month delay in my academic progress. With monthly scheduling, I could take a couple months off in the depths of winter and easily replace them by enrolling for July and August. The student has the choice, not the system.

Think about how much more effective learning could be if a student could focus exclusively on one subject instead of four, five or six subjects.

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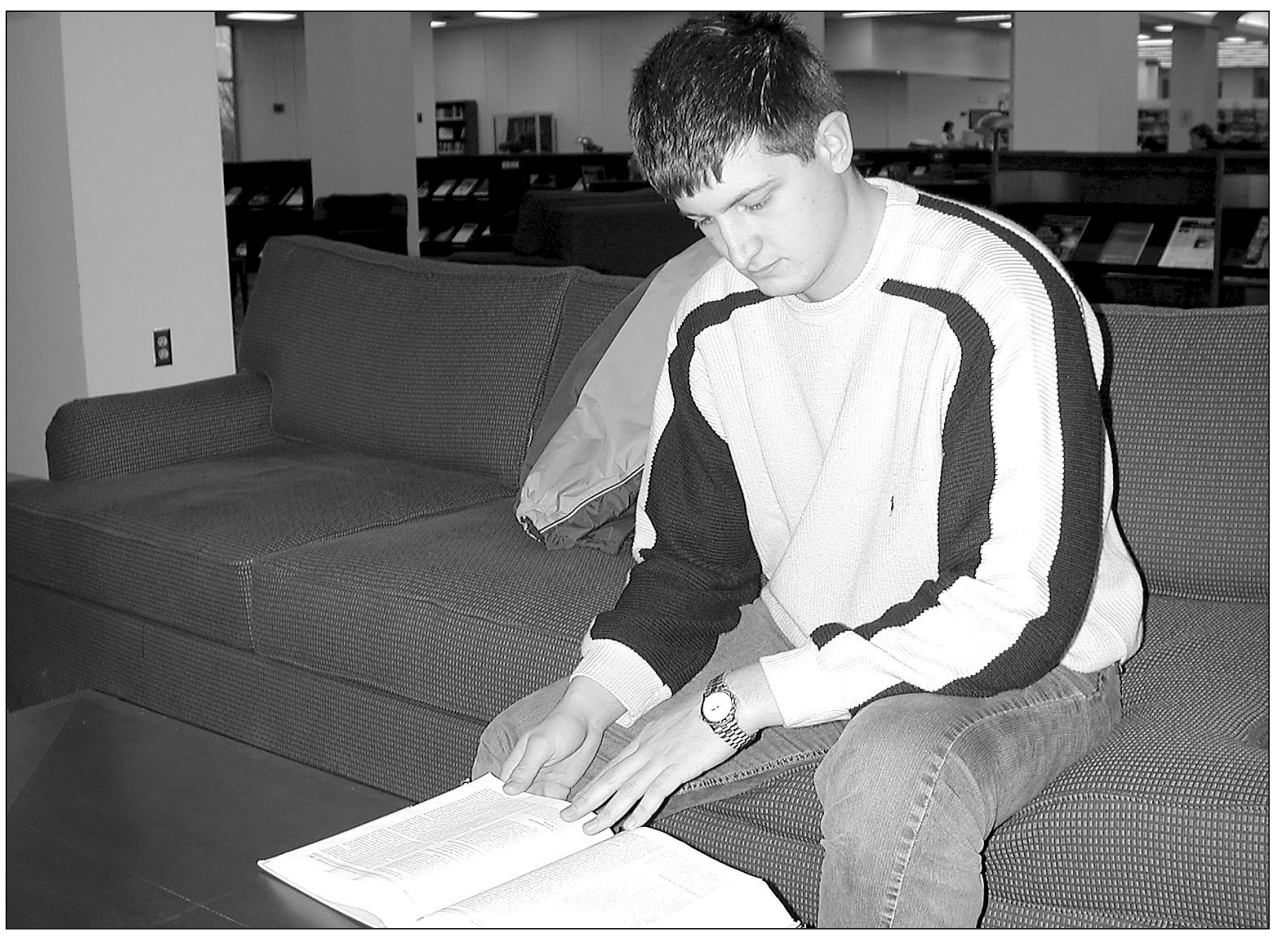
Growing Up



Taking a break from his busy day, Alex Vassilev, freshman CIS, computational math and Spanish major, uses the time to read in Spiva Library.

Nancy Hight-Morris/ The Chart

Student adjusts to new life in America

By Nate Billings
International Editor

Even after one full semester of studying and work, Alex Vassilev, freshman CIS, computational math and Spanish major, is enjoying his first time away from his parents while living in another country.

Vassilev is from Sofia, Bulgaria and discovered Missouri Southern through the daughter of his English teacher.

Vassilev said he sat down and talked with her about the University and the honors program.

He decided to give it a try.

"I feel good," he said. "There are a lot of opportunities to study."

Vassilev came to Southern after he found out he received the honors scholarship. Other colleges asked him for proof of funding before he could apply for any scholarships.

"It stimulates you to study more, it motivates you," Vassilev said.

Dr. Pat Kluthe, director of the honors program, said Vassilev e-mailed her many times after he decided to apply for the program. His interview for acceptance was done via e-mail as well.

"His record was phenomenal," Kluthe said. "His answers were pithy."

Kluthe had much to say about Vassilev, but to her, Vassilev is a unique individual. She said he is personable and generous, which helped him to fit in with other students.

"His language skills are over the top," she said.

To Vassilev, the most difficult part of coming to the United States was leaving his family. However, he said it was his decision to make, and he chose to come.

"Being away from my parents makes me grow as an individual," he said.

On top of his being away from home, Vassilev is taking 22 credit hours this semester and is working in the language lab as an assistant.

"He's the most driven person I've ever met," said Katie Hargrove, freshman international studies major.

Vassilev said it is good to be involved in the University.

"I still find some free time to enjoy myself," he said.

Hargrove has been in a few classes with Vassilev since he first came to Southern in the fall of 2003.

Hargrove first met Vassilev in Freshman Orientation.

"He (Alex) was really nice and patient," she said. "No matter what kind of question it is, he's always willing to answer it."

He said he has met many people on campus, and his friendships make his stay easier.

"He's the sort of person that you seem to want to be a friend for life," Kluthe said.

Education society prepares semester

By Debby Woodworth
Staff Writer

A Missouri Southern organization chosen for illumination is the Kappa Delta Pi, an international honor society whose members rank in the top 10 percent of those pursuing the field of education.

Southern's chapter Rho Sigma, first chartered in 1988 and recently inducted 20 new members into the organization.

Dr. Kaye Abight, faculty counselor of the Rho Sigma Chapter since 1994, attended a meeting Jan. 26 to help members plan the spring 2004 semester events.

The guest speaker was sighted to be Patricia Hurley, director of career services, who was expected to speak on interviewing techniques. Attendance was open to members only.

Abight said this chapter is "one of the best chapters in the Kappa Delta Pi organization." It has been a highly awarded chapter, nationally winning ACE Awards in 1997, 1998 and 2001, along with an honorary mention in 1995. The ACE award indicates outstanding activities for service, programs for membership and service in society that few chapters achieve more than once.

The organization boasts 60,000 members from 550 universities, colleges and alumni chapters in the United States and worldwide. Members are known as Kadelpians.

Members must exhibit educational ideals worthy of the organization, intend to continue in the educational field, be professional, a leader, possess a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher, have completed at least 12 hours in undergraduate educational courses and have been fully admitted into the Southern program for teachers.

In order for students at Southern to be invited to become a member of Rho Sigma they must also attain two faculty recommendations.

"Part of the strength at Southern is in the quality of our organizations," Abight said.

Rho Sigma is a dedicated group of people that meets twice monthly, though it is only required to meet three times per year.

"Students don't get as much recognition for their efforts as they deserve because most teachers don't reward excellence," Abight said. "[Being honored by initiation into the Kappa Delta Pi Organization] is a way of recognizing those students who have achieved."

Abight said she loves her job and working as the counselor for Kappa Delta Pi, Rho Sigma Chapter.

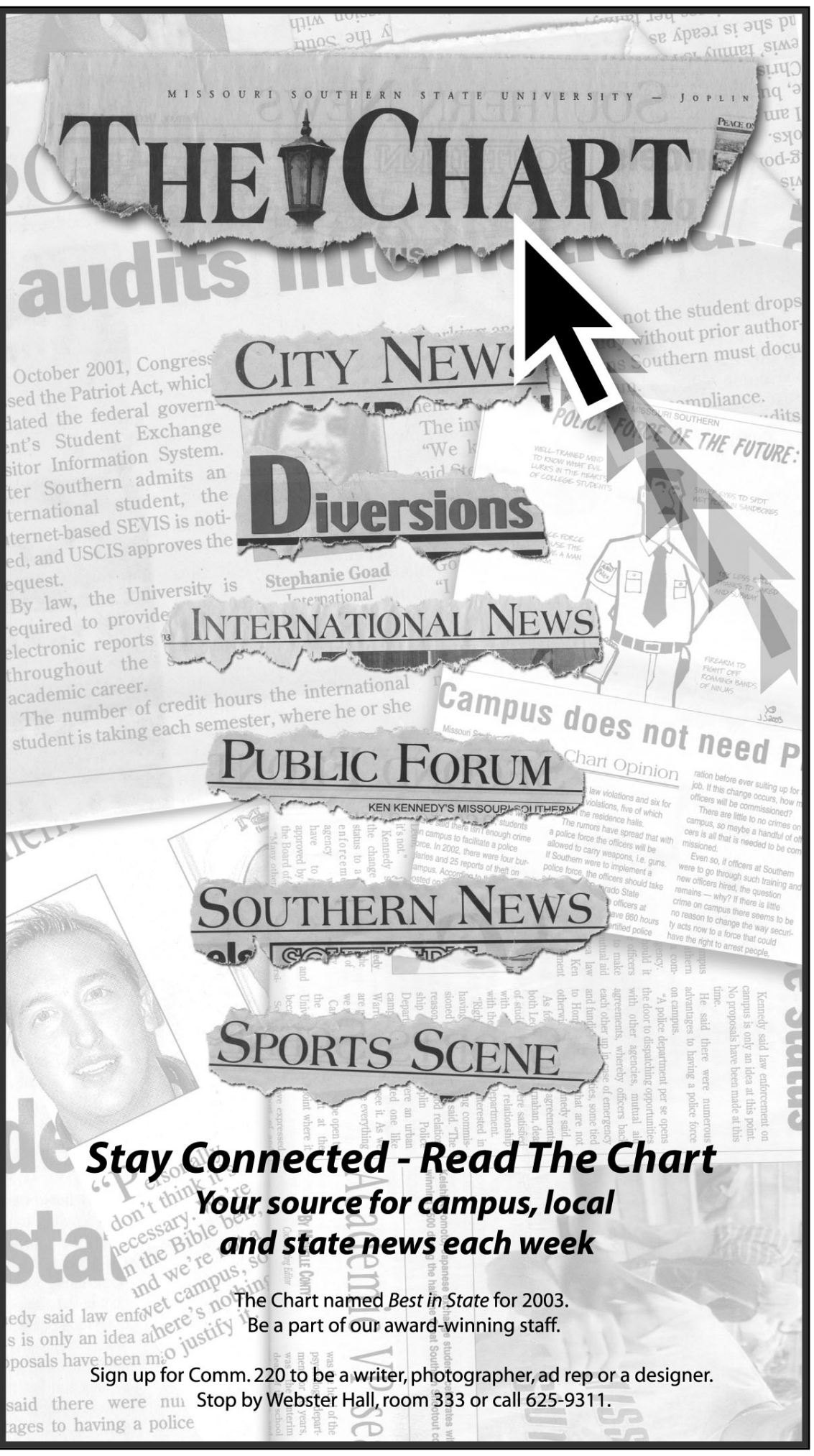
Her greatest joy in that responsibility is hearing students say, "You changed my life."

Seeing young people grow and develop their abilities and skills is important to her.

"It's when you are willing to conceive of yourself as making a difference that you pursue the opportunity to do so," she said.

Some of the co-educational programs the local chapter sponsors annually are the Southern's Phonathon in February, the Reading is Fundamental program in April, scholastic book fairs every semester for support of Southern's child development center and the treasury of Rho Sigma, events at homecoming in October and national, regional and local conferences.

Kappa Delta Pi awards more than $80,000 in scholarships per year to education students.



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Art Attack

Exhibit features famous Warhols

By Melissa Dunson
Diversions Editor

Pop art has come to Joplin with a force.

The Spiva Center for the Arts is featuring works by the world famous artist Andy Warhol along with five artists' work in the currently running "Figuratively Speaking" exhibit.

Other artists loaning their works of art to the exhibit are Lavetta Rhinehart, Henry Moore, Marcie E. v. B. Gibbons and Sharon Bond Brown. The exhibit opened Jan. 16 with music by the Joplin High School Strolling Strings and food by Camille's Sidewalk Café.

The Center is concurrently featuring another exhibit called "Go Figure: Works from the Region," upstairs in the Regional Focus Gallery. Lara Blankenship, senior secondary art education major, and Katherine Chandler, senior studio art major, both have several pieces in the "Go Figure" exhibit.

Blankenship's art focuses primarily on the use of faceless, shadowy figures to express universal themes of community and loneliness. Chandler produced a series of clay corset figures ranging from soft and feminine to harsh and cutting.

Jo Mueller, director of the center, thinks the famous artists help bring notoriety to the regional artists' works.

"We had over 100 people visit the exhibit during the first weekend," Mueller said. "The people are initially drawn by the Warhol name and when they get here they find so much more."

The Center has the Warhol pieces on loan from the A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc. corporate art collection. The four loaned pieces are only one third of the corporate collection.

"A lot of galleries are happy to loan things to us," Mueller said. "They usually want to know about facilities because of the environmental concerns about where the paintings will be kept."

Many of the artists and galleries don't charge the Center for borrowing the artwork, only for shipping and handling.

Warhol is famous for his depictions of celebrities and historic or political figures with strange collections of colors and design. He used commercial silkscreening techniques to create identical, mass produced images on canvas, then variations in color to give each print of an edition a different look. The works currently at the Center are a Van Heusen necktie advertisement featuring a young Ronald Reagan, a rare print of Uncle Sam with a background of diamond dust, and portraits of Sarah Bernhardt and Franz Kafka.

Blankenship has worked for the Center for four years and said the community reaction to Warhol's work has been mixed.

"One man said that it was hard for him to stand back and judge the Warhols because of his fame," Blankenship said. "He said he couldn't judge whether it was good or not or if he even liked it. Other people just bluntly said they didn't like Warhol's work, while others think it's the best thing they've ever seen."

The lesser-known Rhinehart is a native of Pierce City who uses 22-karat gold to paint nymphic Victorian females with large almond eyes. She mixes different elements like dried leaves and insects to produce her pieces.

Moore is famous for his semi-abstract reclining human figures. The small sculpture titled, "Reclining Figure Open Pose," is on loan from the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City.

Gibbons works with handbuilt, lowfire clay to create whimsical sculptures that exaggerate the human form. Her figures have oversized feet, double faces, balloon-like bodies and swirling black-holes for mouths.

Brown produces nostalgic paintings based on photographs from her youth in a flat style that captures the age of the subjects. A Center representative drove to Denver to collect the paintings for the exhibit.

The next exhibit at the center is "Assemblage: Creating Art from Found Objects" and opens Feb. 27. The Spiva Center for the Arts is located at Third and Wall streets and is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday through Tuesday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

Adam Fast/The Chart

Lara Blankenship, senior secondary art education major, works for Spiva and looks at "Sarah Bernhardt" by Andy Warhol. The four Warhol prints are in Joplin on loan from the A. G. Edwards & Sons, Inc. corporate art collection.

(Right) "Birds of a Feather," and (Far Right) "Mime" by Lavetta Rhinehart are oil paintings featured in Spiva's current exhibit. Rhinehart paints with 22-karat gold to produce nymph-like goddesses that seamlessly blend human, animal and natural elements. The pieces are on sale at the Center for $4,000 and $16,000.

(Center) "Transcendence" by Marie E. v. B. Gibbons, is the tallest sculpture displayed in the current exhibit at Spiva. The piece is on sale for $2,500. The Denver-based artist uses handbuilt, low-fire clay when creating her whimsical humanoid sculptures that use exaggeration to make fun of everyday life. She incorporates images of windmills, children and double faces to convey her themes. Gibbons has a popular series of round swimsuited figures. Smaller versions of these swimmers are sold in the Center giftshop for $125.

Adam Fast/The Chart

"Figuratively Speaking," the newest art exhibit at Spiva Center for the Arts, features Andy Warhol prints and pieces from four other multi-medium artists. For information, read the story.

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Jimmy Noriega, left, senior theatre, Spanish, history and English major, talks with fellow Student Senate member Eric Ducommon, sophomore Spanish major, after the Senate meeting Jan. 28. Some of Noriega's extracurricular activities include acting, directing and the Spanish Club.

Super student beats the odds

BY DAVID HAUT
Public Forum Editor

It's just minutes to show time. A dimly-lit light shines on the freshly constructed set. Actors begin to take their places while director Jimmy Noriega finds a seat on the south side of the theater. He has an unexpected calmness about him.

Known around the theatre department as the guy with four majors, Noriega is a busy guy.

His majors are theatre, Spanish, English and history, and he also teaches an orientation class, is a member of the Spanish club, ODK, Student Senate and the college players. He is also performing in the upcoming musical, *Kiss Me Kate*.

He sat down to talk in the theatre green room, where soon many of his close friends would come to meet him.

"He operates under pressure," said Julie Krummel, senior speech and theatre education major. "I think if he wasn't so busy, he wouldn't do things so well."

There's obviously more to Noriega than meets the eye.

Born in Douglas, a border town in Arizona, Noriega grew up in a predominantly Hispanic community.

"It's like living in Mexico," Noriega said. "Spanish is the dominant language, except in the schools."

He grew up learning Spanish first, then English.

Noriega worked hard in school and was active in many organizations; one of them being theater.

During his senior year, Noriega was at the top of his class, primed to graduate valedictorian or salutatorian. But life was about to change. His parents had decided to leave Douglas.

Noriega wanted to stay and finish strong in his high school, even if that meant saying goodbye to his parents.

"My parents were against it at first," Noriega said. "My mom was very reluctant, but she supported me."

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Noriega was accepted to NYU, but chose Southern to remain close to his new baby sister.

Noriega lived alone in Douglas, entirely self-sufficient, while his parents were on their way to Missouri.

"I was young," he said. "But I did it. I'm not afraid to do things now because if it."

Growing stronger from his experience, Noriega graduated salutatorian of his class of 300.

His hard work in high school led to scholarship opportunities to New York University and an acceptance to West Point. Noriega chose NYU, which would make him the first person in his family to attend college.

He was reunited with his family at his graduation, along with a new face.

"I had a new baby sister," Noriega said. "I didn't want to be far away from her or my family. I wanted to be there when she grew up."

Noriega planned to move to Missouri for the summer, to be with his family and to raise money for college. By the end of the summer, his decision was final – he was going to stay.

"I don't regret the decision," he said. "I've made some really good friends and have had a lot of great experiences."

Friends of Noriega, who had gathered on the other side of the room, began to reminisce about their friend.

"I got the groove of the theatre department through them," said Jacob Kent, freshman theatre major.

Talking, laughing and cracking jokes, everyone came to one consensus about Noriega, he stands out, in a good way.

"We're like a big family," Noriega said. "This is like our home."

Stories about Noriega are endless, from the way he orders at Taco Bell to the time he returned from Mexico with a trunk load of candy.

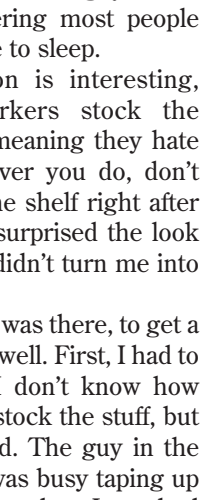
Noriega may be seen with his theater counterparts at any late-night restaurant, due to the late-night rehearsals.

"That's all we really can do," he said. "We don't have time [or money] for anything else."

After directing two shows and performing in five, Noriega plans to pursue acting at Missouri Southern for another year, after which he plans to attend graduate school. He plans to one day teach theater in college. Peering at the clock, Noriega and friends realized it was getting late. They got up and do what they do best, go eat.

Funny Thing About Life: Wal-Mart

Column



DAVID HAUT
Public Forum Editor

Guess what? I ran out of peanut butter at two in the morning. Unless I wanted to drive 15 minutes for Skippy "extra crunchy," I had to go to Wal-Mart.

Normally, I'm not a Wal-Mart person. I think it's ridiculous for a corporation to have four stores in a 15 mile radius, and besides, I hate diagonal parking. But it was late and I was hungry, so I went.

In case you've had the same bedtime since third grade, I'll let you in on my past Wal-Mart excursion.

First of all, you have to see the hairy guy in the tank top sleeping on the stool in the front of the store. This is the greeter. I think this guy has a great job, considering most people pay to have a place to sleep.

The food section is interesting, because the workers stock the shelves at night, meaning they hate customers. Whatever you do, don't take an item off the shelf right after they stock it. I'm surprised the look the lady gave me didn't turn me into stone.

I decided, since I was there, to get a few other items as well. First, I had to get socks. Now, I don't know how frustrating it is to stock the stuff, but apparently it's hard. The guy in the sock department was busy taping up a package of socks when I reached the aisle. I don't trust anyone with a roll of tape at two in the morning, so I was trying to move quickly. In my haste, I knocked a pack of underwear off the rack.

This guy was mad. His words were few, but it was pretty embarrassing getting reprimanded by a fat guy in a tight blue vest whose profession is underpants.

My third and final stop was for contact solution. The most interesting people hang out in the pharmaceutical department at two in the morning. I won't make any reference to Sudafed, but I will say there is a reason they have a lock on the Sudafed shelf. Regardless, I highly recommend you go and see them.

All set to go, I head to the one cashier open, right behind the guy with 50 grocery items and a big-screen TV.

Finally, I get to the counter. I set down my three items, peanut butter, socks and saline solution, only to get a glare from the cashier that suggested I was up to some cruel fraternity prank (I claim no responsibility or affiliation to pranks consisting of these items).

I left Wal-Mart a bit more educated and a lot more entertained. And needless to say, I enjoyed my peanut butter sandwich.

Architects discuss rec center plans with group

BY DAVID HAUT
Public Forum Editor

The Campus Activities Board met with representatives from RDG Planning and Design and Brailsford and Dunlavey Facility Planners to discuss possibilities for the upcoming recreation and health center. About 15 students were in attendance for the meeting.

Discussed in the meeting was the potential for student use — both commuter students and residents.Sites proposed for the location of the center were the lot next to College Heights or possibly building the center onto Billingsly Student Center.

The group consensus was that the new facility should be separate from the residence halls to accommodate the large number of commuting students and for student convenience between classes.

Proposed ideas for the rec center included a gym, weight room and a pool. Other ideas included venues for indoor soccer, a bowling alley, batting cages, boxing ring and a rock climbing wall.

It was also discussed that the center be a venue for events and a social area for students.

Proposals were an auditorium or movie theater, gaming facility and a juice bar or coffee shop.

Concept design will begin shortly.

"[The architects] will return within a month's time," said Darren Fullerton, director of campus recreation. "Right now the important thing is to get the word out."

Students interested in adding input are welcome to attend meetings with CAB when the architects return. The date for a follow-up meeting is pending.

A campus-wide survey will be distributed to students, most likely via campus e-mail. Students are strongly encouraged to respond.

"The only way to get what the students want is they've got to tell us what they want," said Bob Harrington, director of the physical plant.

"I can't emphasize enough how important it is."

"The more information we have to take to the Board of Regents from the students, the better opportunity we have to sell it to the Regents."

In other CAB news, speaker Patch Adams has been confirmed to come on Monday, April 19. No contract has been signed.

Students interested in CAB are invited to attend meetings at 2 p.m., Wednesdays in the Student Activities Office on the second floor of the BSC.

CAB Campus Activities Board

Area Events

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Melissa Dunson at 625-9311.

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The Big Bounce, The Perfect Score and *You Got Served* open at the Northstar 14 Theaters.

Anthony Gomes concert @ 9:30 p.m. @ The Kitchen Pass.

Project Groove two-year anniversary concert @ 9 p.m. @ The Bottleneck in Lawrence.

31
Glory Days "Live Music Cafe" @ 8 p.m @ Glory Days Music.

Big Smith & BBQ concert @ 5 p.m. @ Juanita K. Hammons Hall in Springfield.

1
Karaoke from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. @ Murphy's Irish Pub.

2
BSU Joy Explosion @ 7 p.m.

3
Hans Christian Anderson's "The Snow Queen" @ 7 p.m. @ Juanita K. Hammons Hall in Springfield.

4
General all-ages extreme sports session @ 3 p.m. @ The Bridge.

Karaoke @ 10 p.m. @ The Green Room.

CAB meeting @ 2 p.m. @ 2nd floor Billingsly.

5
Krazy Karaoke @ 9 p.m. @ Champ's Bar and Grill

Campus Crusade for Christ @ 7:30 p.m. @ the Student Life Center.

Weird News:

All information was taken from: http://www.fark.com

Whale Explodes:

TAIPEI — A dead sperm whale being transported through Tainan City suddenly exploded , spattering cars and shops with blood and guts.

The 17m, 45-ton carcass was being taken on a flat-bed trailer-truck for an autopsy.

"Because of the natural decomposing process, a lot of gases accumulated, and when the pressure build-up was too great, the whale's belly just exploded," said Professor Wang Chien-ping, marine biologist.

Cell phone shrapnel burns owner:

MALAYSIA — A Malaysian man was shaken and scalded after his mobile phone exploded beside him while he was sleeping, a news agency reported.

Mohamed Radzuan Yasin said he was recharging his phone and placed it on his bed near him before he took a nap.

Three hours later, he was jarred awake by what he described as a small explosion.

"The explosion scalded my buttocks, while there were burn marks on the mattress and the walk," he told Bernama news agency.

"At first I was confused about what had exploded, but realized it was my mobile phone when I saw it was shattered in pieces," he said.

Man survives snowplow attack:

OHIO — A man working at a discount store along a street was standing near a light pole with a sign advertising a sale and shoveling snow when two plows came through.

The first plow knocked the man off of his feet with a pile of snow and the second plow narrowly missed hitting the man.

PHONE:

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funding for them now.

The proposed student recreational center is one of the projects on the list. Betebenner said the recreation center is one of the main projects, but not the main one.

"The big picture is to improve student athletics and recreational facilities, the recreation center is included under that one," he said.

"Over the next couple of years, we want to build a $2 million endowment to support the international mission. Then there is another $1.7 million figure in there to take care of technology upgrades."

He said the upgrades include: updating the "communications department, get those guys ready for a digital conversion" and computer labs on campus."

"There will also be money made available to "hire and retain quality faculty."

Curt Betebenner
Director of Southern Foundation

Student volunteers man the phones.

Betebenner said there are currently 24 students trained to make the calls.

Jeremy Latham, freshman psychology major, and Shawna Nelson, sophomore marketing major, are first time Phonathon volunteers. They believe the Phonathon is going to have a good year.

"They've got some healthy donations the other night," Latham said. "I've never worked on it before, but it seems like they are going to bring in something to benefit the Missouri Southern University."

Nelson said the first couple of nights went good for the Phonathon, but they had some people who hung up on them or told them not to call anymore.

She said the only way to handle the bad calls is not to take the calls personally and to move onto the next call.

The Foundation has brought in prizes to give away each night to the volunteers. The prizes were donated by area businesses.

"I thought it was great some of the businesses donated certain things so we could earn prizes for doing certain calls," Nelson said.

The prizes are awarded on a point system and depending on the amount of the donation is how many points the volunteer receives.

With prizes being given away, students try hard to win.

"It was between me and another girl one night, so we did rock, paper, scissors," she said. "She won, because I'm not good at rock, paper, scissors."

Block serves as the faculty co-chair for the Phonathon this year. Block said her experience in the business department is what earned her the position.

"The people at the Foundation this year decided to do something a little different and will have a faculty member involved to go around and ask other faculty to give money for the Foundation," she said.

"Dr. León asked me if I would be willing to be that faculty member. I am a former faculty member of the school of business, been there for 19 years.

"I know most faculty members on campus."

The Phonathon will continue until the beginning of April.

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Heather Hilton, sophomore nursing major, works during the Foundation's Phonathon.

INTERVIEW:

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Southern's dedication to undergraduates.

"I'm impressed with the commitment to the undergraduate education," he said.

He said the University's liberal arts base interested him.

At the open student forum, McCallum said he believes three things are necessary for the undergraduate individual — a liberal arts education, "promoting the knowledge, attitude, skills and aspirations needed for obtaining a career" and "everyone must realize we are in a global community."

McCallum said he applied for the position because he grew up in Nebraska, and his wife grew up in Missouri.

"We're Midwest people," he said.

Terry Levy, junior criminal justice/pre-law major, was one of approximately 14 students to attend the open student forum with McCallum.

"I wanted to see what he could bring to the school," Levy said.

"He could address our problems at hand."

Students were allowed to ask McCallum questions about issues that concerned them.

Questions included topics such as McCallum's knowledge of and experience with international students, developing graduate programs, updating campus technology and how to help Southern stand out from other colleges and universities.

"He answered every question right," Levy said. "I like his vision."

Levy said McCallum is from a similar institution as Southern, a mostly commuter campus.

Also at the forum, Zack Odem, Student Senate president, explained how Southern's Senate operates and what it does, and Julie Blackford, director of student activities, explained how the Campus Activities Board operates.

At the end of the forum, McCallum asked the students what issues they were concerned with, as well as their thoughts on rising tuition costs and why they came to and remain at Southern.

Throughout the day, McCallum also met with University President Julio León, the deans of the University's four schools, the search committee for the position and faculty members.

"I think it (Southern) is wonderful," McCallum said.

He said the people he met with were "terrific."

Dr. Betsy Griffin, interim vice president for academic affairs, has filled the position since the retirement of the former vice president, Dr. Larry Martin. She is one of the four finalists, and her interview day was Jan. 29.

Dr. Larry B. Harris, dean for the college of education at Idaho State University in Pocatello, Idaho, and the third finalist, will be on campus Tuesday with his open student forum at 2 p.m. in the Connor Ballroom of the Billingsly Student Center.

The last finalist, Dr. David Wilson, vice president for academic affairs and dean of college at Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Mo., will be on campus Thursday.

His open student forum will be at 2 p.m. in Room 310, the House of Lords Room, of the BSC.

TEST:

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in-depth tests for seniors. In the beginning, the general assessment test took two to three hours to take.

In the past few years, however, school officials have been using a general academic profile test from Educational Testing Services. These tests take less than an hour.

"We wanted to help students and shorten the test," she said. "I think they appreciate the shorter one."

Jeannie Archie, senior sociology major, said she's happy to take the assessment exam.

"They use the scores to show improvement," Archie said. "I want to go to an institution that values education."

As far as convenience goes, taking the University's test isn't a big problem.

"It's not really a big deal," Archie said.

Archie said she's not going to worry about whether or not the exam is difficult.

"I'm not going to study," she said.

"I know what I need to know now, so I'll be OK."

The exam also includes a University survey.

"We're trying to find out what we've done in terms of how we've structured our curriculum," Honey said.

"It's valuable information."

Including the general assessment exam, seniors will also be required to fulfill their individual department requirements.

Some departments are having students take another test.

Others are asking seniors to submit portfolios.

Seniors should be receiving an information packet in the mail by the first week of February.

Test takers will have the option of either a 9 a.m. or a 1 p.m. testing period.

Students who are unable to make it to campus the day of the test will be offered a make-up exam on Feb. 26.

"I think students need to understand that because of the assessment, we've improved our curriculum," Honey said.

SEMESTER:

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Does anybody think that after 160 hours of instruction, spread out over two years, a student of a foreign language is a competent speaker or reader of that language?

Yet, if a student were to enroll in four straight months of a language, the immersion would work wonders toward greater understanding and facility with the language.

In short, this is the postmodern age, not the agricultural era. Conventions that don't maximize opportunities are inefficient and wasteful. Semesters don't make much sense. Time to junk them.

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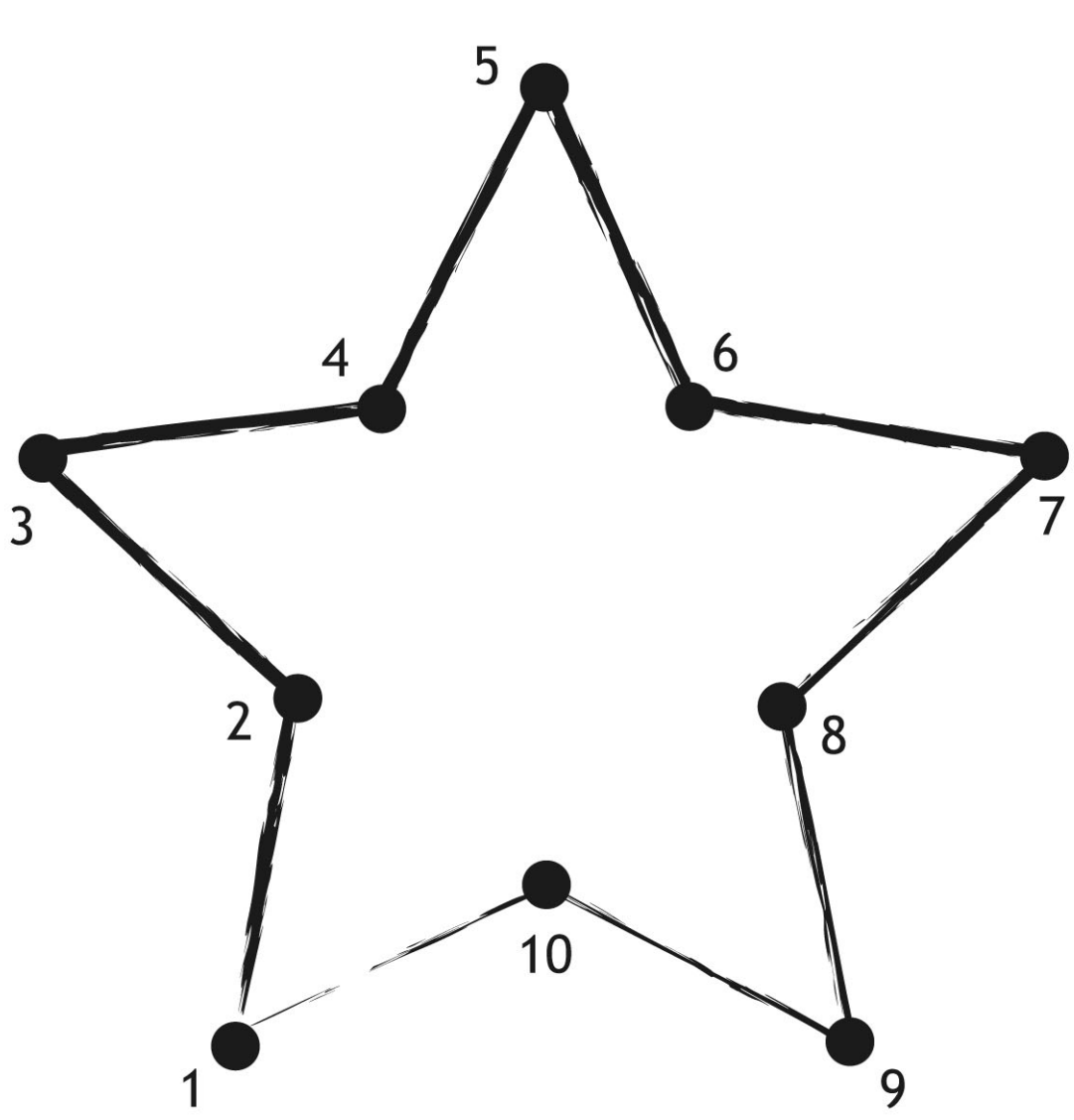

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Education budget creates debate

BY KARENA WELLS
State News Editor

Gov. Bob Holden introduced the Missouri Fiscal Budget for 2005.

The two parties locked horns over who is ultimately responsible for the decrease in higher education funding. The governor has placed the blame on the General Assembly, specifically the Republican portion of the Senate and House of Representatives. The Missouri House argues the withholdings the governor made last year are the cause of the decrease in higher education funding.

In his state of the state address, Holden said, "Those of you on the other side of the aisle chose to defend tax breaks ... at the expense of our children." He believes his new budget will restore the money he said the General Assembly cut.

New programs have been introduced by Holden to assist students. Jobs Now, a program backed by the governor, would encourage Missouri's higher education students to pursue studies that would lead to high-demand jobs with Missouri companies. Children and spouses of Vietnam Veterans would benefit from the proposed Vietnam Veterans Survivors Scholarship Program. There has been $23,370 suggested by Holden to fund this scholarship. A Public Service Survivor Grant Program, costing an additional $22,460, would benefit children and spouses of public employees killed or disabled in the line of duty.

In his budget summary for 2005, the governor proposes a total of $697,250,724 to go toward higher education in the state of Missouri. Of this amount, $20,373,791 has been proposed to go to Missouri Southern. Holden said that would increase funding at public four-year institutions by $34,228,805. So far, funds have been allocated for Central Missouri State University, Harris-Stowe State College, Lincoln University, Southwest Missouri State University, Truman State University and the University of Missouri. The governor made no requests for additional funding for Southern.

Sen. Gary Nodler (R-Joplin) said he believed higher education is under funded, and money should be shifted from social services, specifically Medicaid, where the expenditure is highest. Nodler authored the change in the appropriation budget last year that increased funding to Southern, leveling the equity distribution. By withholding more than $2 million from higher education, Holden re-established the inequity distribution in the higher education process.

"The governor did not speak truthfully," Nodler said, "he was gushing non truths."

The tax increase proposed by Holden has also become an issue for the senator.

The Missouri Constitution and the length of the General Assemblies' term create a time limit that won't allow for a tax increase that will affect Missourians in the following year.

"He avoids seeking real solutions," Nodler said, "the governor proposes a tax bill that he knows could not be incorporated; it is a violation of the constitution."

Rep. Steve Hunter (R-Joplin) believes the budget needs to be re-evaluated in order to more adequately provide for higher education.

"I said in 1993 it was screwed up and it is even worse now, and they tinkered with it and made it even worse," Hunter said. "That won't happen this year. That won't even be touched because of the election. Politics will play in the whole thing and a lot of finger pointing will go on and won't be fair for anybody."

The $2 million withheld from higher education has made other local politicians question the governor. Rep. Kevin Wilson, (R-Neosho) said the governor made the excuse that the budget was not adequately funded, but the budget is just an estimate based on a 4.8 percent budget increase.

"Through the first six months of the year, we have been able to fund the budget," Wilson said "A tax increase is not the answer."

"We can't reach into the pockets of working families and take the first pay raise they have seen in some time and the growth that is creating those jobs," said Rep. Bryan P. Stevenson (R-Webb City) in his Jan. 19 press release.

He said the legislature is dedicated to funding education, even if it means cutting other funding.

Rep. Marilyn Ruestman (R-Joplin) said according to the prediction she had been following from the Department of Revenue, state revenues are up. She said the governor should have released all the money he withheld as soon as he saw the state bouncing back.

All local politicians have pledged a commitment to stand behind Southern and only promote higher education legislation that would include Southern.

Amendment determines weapons law

BY KARENA WELLS
State News Editor

The right to carry concealed weapons in Missouri has become a hot topic since September 2003 when the Missouri Assembly overruled Gov. Bob Holden's veto of an amendment allowing persons over the age of 23 to gain a permit.

On Jan. 22, the Missouri Supreme Court heard the case of Alvin Brooks, et al. v. State of Missouri, Attorney General Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, James Murphy, Bulls Eye, L.L.C. et. al.

Brooks was represented by attorneys Barton Newman, from St. Louis and Richard Miller, from Kansas City.

The attorneys argued the proposed bill violates Article 1, Section 23 of the Missouri Constitution where it states Missourians have the right to keep and bear arms to protect their person, property and home but that it does not "justify the wearing of concealed weapons."

Newman and Miller also cited Thomas Gantt, delegate to the 1875 Missouri Constitutional Convention, who said wearing a concealed weapon was, "a practice which is fraught with the most incalculable evil."

Brooks also argues the bill is in direct violation of the Hancock Amendment because it would create a general revenue tax not already approved by voters. Currently, the bill allows persons to obtain a concealed gun permit after passing a criminal background check, firearms training and paying a fee up to $100. If the bill were passed it would create more work for sheriff's departments and would require funds to pay for the background checks and firearms training.

Deputy Chief of Staff Paul Wilson defended the state's decision to pass the bill. The state argues the amendments do not "plainly and palpably affront" the part of the Missouri Constitution in question.

"In the State v. Shelby case of 1886, the court said the prohibition of concealed weapons in the 1st Article of the Missouri Constitution promoted personal security and was harmonious to the Missouri Constitution," Wilson said. "The precedence is there, it has been on the books for 125 years."

The state also made the argument that in the past few years there have been state mandated ordinances that have resulted in increased spending by sheriff's departments.

"The sex offender registration in the last year, requiring them to be listed on the Internet," Wilson said. "The sheriff in my home county did not even have a Web site and had to upgrade, having added expense, with no reimbursement from the state. The Hancock Amendment is a dangerous area to go into."

The judges focused most of their questions on the Hancock Amendment and whether or not the bill was in violation of it. This promoted reporters to ask whether or not the plaintiff thinks the judges had already decided the bill was not in violation of the Missouri Constitution.

"Over the past few years the House has passed several bills that went against the Hancock Amendment," said Rep. Steve Hunter (R-Joplin). "Looking at the right to carry concealed weapons, it just might be an issue of the Hancock Amendment."

SPEAKING OUT

Karena Wells/The Chart

House Speaker Catherine Hanaway (R-Warson Woods) speaks out after the state of the state address Jan 23.

Committee defines marriage

BY KARENA WELLS
State News Editor

The Children and Families House Committee voted to pass House Bill 38, which proposes a constitutional amendment prohibiting same-sex marriage.

The final decision incorporated four bills into one. Members of the committee voted along party lines. The final decision was to include a constitutional amendment in the next general election that will read, "Marriage in this state shall consist only of the union of a man and a woman, and no license to marry shall be issued except to a man and a woman. Marriage between persons of the same sex, and full faith and credit of such marital status entered into in another state, shall not be recognized as marriage."

Local politicians have been active in bills concerning the sanctity of marriage.

Rep. Bryan P. Stevenson (R-Webb City) is vice chairman of the committee that passed House Bill 38. In his press release, he said he wished that it became a partisan issue.

"I am praying when it goes to the floor of the House it will have bi-partisan support," Stevenson said.

Rep. Marilyn Ruestman also supported the bill. She said defining marriage, as being between a man and a woman, will help strengthen families of Missouri. Ruestman also believes the primary concern in Missouri is the continuing break up of families.

"This amendment is needed to ensure that Missouri does not allow unselected judges to rewrite and reinterpret the state's laws and constitution in a way that promotes their liberal agenda and attacks our state's traditional family values," Ruestman said.

Rep. Kevin Wilson, (R-Neosho) was among the supporters of House Bill 38.

"I will support any bill that defines marriage as being a union between man and woman," he said.

The Senate has also introduced a bill, co-chaired by Sen. Gary Nodler, (R-Joplin) which would amend the constitution of Missouri to state that only marriages between a man and a woman would be valid in the state.

"I do not believe any law should be passed that misinterprets the definition of marriage. Marriage is a sacred union between man and woman,"said Nodler.

House Bill 38, will face voters in November during the general election.

State promotes life sciences project

BY KARENA WELLS
State News Editor

Leaders of the Missouri House of Representatives have suggested a bill that would ask the state to borrow $190 billion to create new life science buildings on the University of Missouri system's four campuses.

Funding for the construction would come from bonds issued by the Missouri Health and Educational Facilities Authority. The state would begin repaying the bonds in the 2008 fiscal year.

Truman State University has already been notified that it will receive $1.5 million that was secured by Sen. Kit Bond (R-Mo.) in September 2003.

The Missouri House and Senate will use this money to purchase equipment for the new life science building that has been approved. The bill still needs to be signed by Gov. Bob Holden.

The University of Missouri-Kansas City is one of the campuses proposed to receive funding. A new laboratory, costing $43 million, has been suggested for the campus.

Four years ago Missouri Southern approved the creation of a new life science building on campus. A lack of funding has kept the structure from being built.

The proposal to create new life science buildings on UM system's four campuses has created tension at the University.

"It is unfair," said University President Julio León. "The University of Missouri should not be the only university receiving special funding."

"I will not support legislation that does not include Missouri Southern in the bill for new life science buildings," Rep. Ron Richard (R-Joplin) said.

Rep. Steve Hunter (R-Joplin) was another opponent to a life science bill that would not include Southern.

He pointed out that Southern is the lowest funded state university in Missouri and has the largest inequity.

"What I would like to do is slide some of that money down from the University of Missouri," Hunter said, "We have asked for about $38 million in the life science bill to go toward a new science building for Southern."

Rep. Marilyn Ruestman (R-Joplin) said that hopefully with a local politician on the appropriations committee Sen. Gary Nodler (R-Joplin), funds might be allocated to Southern.

STATE NEWS BRIEFS

College of Education receives $2 million

The College of Education at the University of Missouri-Columbia became the recipient of a large monetary gift Jan. 28.

Harold and Joanne Hook donated the $2 million that will go to establishing the first endowed dean's chair as well as a new center that will help to establish MU as a leader in new approaches for Missouri public schools.

Science Foundation awards scholarships

Fourteen scholarships in the field of computer science, mathematics and physics were awarded at Missouri Western State College Jan. 27.

The National Science Foundation made the funding for the scholarships possible. The $294,200 is the largest faculty grant in college history.

Student appointment awaits Senate vote

Stephen Terry Jr., junior, was named student representative to the Northwest Missouri State University board of regents.

Gov. Bob Holden made the announcement Jan 26. The NWMSU board of regents holds corporate power and is responsible for management of the University.

The appointment is pending Missouri Senate approval.

'Open Door' survey ranks Truman fifth

The Institute of International Education's "Open Door" survey, ranked Truman State University No. 5 in the nation among master's institutions based on the number of students studying abroad.

TSU was the only public institution among the top 20 master's level institutions ranked in the survey.

UMKC students find link to retrovirus

Thomas Menees and Zhi Cheng from the University of Missouri-Kansas City described in the Jan. 9 issue of the journal, *Science,* that they have found the formation of a lariat structure with the genetic material of retrovirus-like elements in baker's yeast .

This discovery could be the final link to retroviruses, including the human immunodefincy virus.

Professor obtains patent for research

Dr. William Wold, a professor at Saint Louis University, has received a U.S. patent to work exclusively with Introgen Therapeutics to research new therapies for cancer and other diseases.

Comedian plans trip to Cottey College

Comedian Vargus Mason will come Feb. 5 to Cottey College to perform.

Mason has won the HBO Young Comedy Competition in Colorado.

He has also performed in Comedy Central's "Laugh Riot" and BET's "Comic View."

Cancer society gives award to physician

William A. Peck, M.D., the Alan A. and Edith L. Wolff Distinguished Professor of Medicine at Washington University School of Medicine and director of the new Center for Healthy Policy at Washington University, has been awarded the National Children's Cancer Society League Award.

On Jan. 23 Peck and "Today" show co-anchor Katie Couric were honored at the International Humanitarian Award Dinner-2004 at the Ritz-Carlton.

LION STATS

Women's Basketball

Jan. 28 Results

UMR (54)

Player	fg-fga	ft-fta	tp
Gerstenecker	1-4	1-2	3
McCord	0-3	0-2	0
Johns	3-6	0-0	7
Dierking	3-7	3-4	11
Durante	6-11	1-3	13
Hernandez	1-1	0-0	2
Maunus	2-3	0-1	5
Poulard	0-0	1-2	1
Judy	0-0	2-2	2
Kueny	1-2	2-2	4
Clay	3-7	0-0	6
Thompson	0-2	0-0	0

MSSU (56)

Player	fg-fga	ft-fta	tp
Wilson	4-7	0-0	8
Harrell	6-11	3-5	15
Koenig	2-6	0-4	5
Greninger	3-6	0-1	8
Hallman	6-15	3-4	16
Coston	0-1	0-0	0
Deen	1-5	0-0	2
Adkison	1-1	0-1	2
Christiansen	0-0	0-0	0

UMR	**25**	**29**	**— 54**
MSSU	**26**	**30**	**— 56**

Men's Basketball

Jan. 28 Results

UMR (77)

Player	fg-fga	ft-fta	tp
Wiemann	1-4	0-0	2
Shaw	4-6	1-5	9
Johnson	3-13	2-2	9
Muonelo	8-15	1-1	22
Burks	3-18	0-0	8
Brooks	2-2	0-2	4
Darting	7-13	1-1	20
Williams	1-2	1-1	3
Perry	0-0	0-0	0

MSSU (85)

Player	fg-fga	ft-fta	tp
Cavness	3-8	5-8	11
Redmond	8-12	1-2	17
Rose	4-9	4-4	12
Watts	7-15	3-4	20
Ocasio	3-14	4-4	11
Clair	0-1	0-0	0
Jones	0-1	0-0	0
Sherrel	2-3	2-2	8
Engelken	1-4	0-0	2
Jones	0-1	4-4	4

UMR	**35**	**37**	**— 77**
MSSU	**34**	**38**	**— 85**

Southern Schedule

Jan. 31

Men and Women's indoor track teams @ University of Kansas Invitational

Women's basketball against Truman State University @ 1 p.m.

Men's basketball against Truman State University @ 3 p.m.

Feb. 4

Men's basketball @ University of Missouri-Rolla

Women's basketball @ University of Missouri-Rolla

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Throwing a Dream

Jones throws self into University, national meet

BY TESHA MORGAN
Staff Writer

For some people "throwing yourself into college" is just a figure of speech.

That, however, is not the case for junior Danee Jones, a weight thrower on Southern's women's track team. On an athletic and academic scholarships, Jones is proving it's possible to throw herself into college — literally and figuratively.

Jones began her throwing career in high school.

"I wasn't fast enough to be a sprinter," Jones said.

"I wanted do something on the track team because I was a sprinter on the JV team. I told the coach I wanted to compete at the meets, and he said, 'I might have something for you.' That's when he introduced me to the shot-put."

Weight throwing is not a common event. It is an indoor event that consists of throwing a weight for distance. Though it is not common Jones predicts that its popularity is growing.

Jones competes in both weight throwing and the shot-put. She placed third in throwing at the indoor nationals last year. Her goal this season is to be the national champion in throwing and shot-put. Although she's no stranger to the shot-put (she's been competing in the event since she was a freshman in high school) she has been a little less confident in her skills.

"In the shot-put, it's hard to put all of the technique together at once," Jones said. "My technique has been coming together this year."

Jones' work ethic is a contributing factor in her past success and will play a part in her future triumphs.

> *"If she didn't work hard she wouldn't be where she's at."*
>
> **Jamie Burnham**
> *Assistant Track Coach*

"She works hard at everything she does and that's why she's as good an athlete as she is," said Jamie Burnham, assistant track coach. "If she didn't work hard she wouldn't be where she's at."

Besides the effort she puts in at practice Jones seeks help from other avenues.

"Sometimes it helps me to read articles about throwing and talk to other throwers," she said.

Another secret to Jones' success would be her stellar support system. As she down played her shot-put skills, her friends told her to stop talking so negatively about herself.

She said her family is very encouraging. Even though they don't know much about her event they remain supportive. When she calls home to St. Louis, her family often has words of encouragement about her schoolwork and athletics. What's more don't expect Jones said she plans to be involved in track after graduation. Her plans after school still involve throwing.

"I was thinking about continuing to be a thrower," she said.

"I might go ahead and try out for the Olympic team."

Women's basketball squeaks past Rolla

BY RUSS HAGERMAN
Sports Editor

Coming off the road with a two game losing streak, the Lions won a tough one at home by defeating the University of Missouri-Rolla Lady Miners 56-54 in front of 1,200 fans attending the game.

Early in the game it was tied at 22, and the Lions led at half, 26-25.

"We were lucky to get out with a win," said Maryann Mitts, women's basketball head coach.

The Lady Miners are 4-14, 0-9 in the MIAA and Southern did not take them for granted.

"Most teams take Rolla for granted because of their record," said Wyketha Harrell, senior forward.

Harrell said Southern knew it had to play hard.

The Lions are 12-6, 3-6 in the MIAA. They shot 23-52 from the floor with 4-6 three pointers and 32 rebounds.

"We played flatfooted and sluggish at times," Mitts said. "Wyketha stepped it up for us."

"I went in thinking to lead by example in play," Harrell said. "I wanted to be physical."

"Energy and emotion count for a lot in anything you do in life," Mitts said.

The Lions used a 9-0 run in the second half to lead UMR by 15 points.

Lions 56

Lady Miners 54

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Andy Tevis/The Chart

Junior guard Katie Deen dribbles past a University of MIssouri-Rolla player in the Jan. 28 game at Missouri Southern. Southern defeated the Miners, 56-54.

Women's track meets goals

Lions achieve provisionals in first two meets of season

BY JEREMIAH COOK
Staff Writer

Goal oriented.

That's how Shonna Sherrell, a senior hurdler describes the Missouri Southern women's indoor track and field team.

"We've stepped it up more this year," Sherrell said. "It seems like we all know where we want to get."

"We all seem pretty pumped," said Sara Mueller, sophomore high jumper. "Everybody is pretty excited."

In the first two meets of the indoor season, the Lions have already had four individuals qualify for a provisional in five events. Junior Danee Jones has qualified for a provisional in the shot put and weight throws, senior Mary Still in the 400-meter dash, Mueller in the high jump and senior Melissa Turner in the poll vault.

"The way we get our national championships, unlike a lot of other sports is you don't compete against a group of teams in your region," said Patty Vavra, head coach.

"What we do is you have to reach a certain qualifying performance mark, and the provisional mark is the minimum of what you have to do to have a chance to get in the national meet. There is an automatic standard, and if you perform to that standard at any point in the season, you get an automatic meet."

The team sees it as a nice beginning to a promising season.

"In two weeks time, that's a nice start to the season," Vavra said.

"We hope that they continue to get better, and they'll probably have to do that in order to reach the national championship."

"I'm hoping to get an automatic bid," Mueller said, "because a provisional most likely won't get me into the national meet."

Being at home for the meet was something that the Lions aren't taking for granted, either.

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Jeremy Jones, junior guard drives toward the basket in the home game Jan. 28 against the University of Missouri-Rolla. The Lions defeated the Miners in overtime, 85-72.

Lions maul UMR during overtime

BY RUSS HAGERMAN
Sports Editor

After losing two road games at Emporia State and at 10th-ranked Washburn University, the Lions returned home and turned up the heat by defeating the University of Missouri-Rolla 85-77 in over time in front of 1,700 fans.

The Lions 12-6, 5-4 in the MIAA, were 28-68 from the floor, 6-19 three-pointers and had 56 rebounds. The Miners 10-8, 3-6 in the MIAA were 29-73 from the floor, 13-31 three-pointers, and had 34 rebounds.

Four Lions had double-doubles in points and rebounds.

Deon Rose, senior forward, had 13 rebounds and 12 points. Darrell Redmond, senior forward had 12 rebounds and 17 points.

Orestus Cavness, junior forward, had 10 rebounds and 11 points.

Hiram Ocasio had 10 boards and 11 points.

Ocasio gained two steals, which moves him 216 steals shy of breaking the record, not just for Southern but the NCAA Division II record as well.

He also had a dunk at 4:16 in the first half to bring the score to 23-29.

"We had four with double-doubles, and several guys stood out for us," said Robert Corn, men's basketball head coach.

Ameer Watts averages 16.5 points per game.

He was 7-15 from the floor, 3-5 three - pointers, five boards and 20 points.

He was also instrumental in getting the game into overtime.

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> **Ameer Watts**
> *Senior Guard*

Watts was fouled with 1.1 seconds left in regulation and hit one out of two free throws.

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Southern outscored Rolla 13-5 in overtime; the score was tied nine times with eight lead changes.

"Any win is a good win this time of the year," Corn said. "Rolla gave us a lot of problems."

Up next for the Lions is Truman State University, 3 p.m. Saturday at the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.

Team wins home invitational

Lions set goal to win MIAA, prepare for KU invitational

BY JEREMIAH COOK
Staff Writer

In the Missouri Southern men's indoor track and field team's locker room there is a dry-erase board. On this board there are a lot of numbers written pertaining to the different athletes and events, but there is also one message, written bigger than the rest — "What it will take to win the MIAA championship-130 points."

"We're going to have to have our best meet during the conference meet," said Tom Rutledge, men's head coach. "We have to prove ourselves on one day. It doesn't matter what we do all year. It doesn't matter if we win every meet that we are in if we do bad or have a bad meet at the conference meet, we're out of it. So we have to work up to that and gain confidence and know that we are capable of doing that and that's why I start posting things on my wall. If we fail in any area, then Central (Missouri State University) and Northwest (Missouri State University) are going to walk away from us easily."

At the MSSU/Radio Shack All-Comers Invitational held on Jan. 23 and 24 the Lions finished in first place.

Southern picked up 19 top 10 finishes, including three first place finishes.

"We had a very good weekend last weekend," Rutledge said.

"You take out one event on Friday night, and that was an unattached person in the pole vault, and we won every event."

"It feels good to win in front of all of your family and friends," said Arley Smith, senior shot and weight thrower .

Next meet for the Lions is at the University of Kansas on Saturday. It's a meet the Lions are looking forward to.

"If everybody performs the way that they can, we should win," said Michael Stewart, junior jumper. "We have a pretty strong team this year, so we should be fine. But, it is just another meet. You've got to take it one day at a time and we just have to try to outperform ourselves."

"It's an oversized track, so I'm looking to run a little faster," said Brian Lyons, senior distance runner. "I'm hoping to get a qualifying time in the mile."

"I'm excited and ready," Smith said.

"There's going to be a lot of division one schools and a lot more competition. I'm going to have to throw as good, or better than I did last week, this week."

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University President Julio León accepts the MIAA Conference trophy for men's cross country from head coach Tom Rutledge. This is the fourth straight MIAA championship for the Lions.

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"It's almost an immeasurable advantage," Vavra said.

"Just from the standpoint of it's where you train everyday. Another advantage is that you get to have your parents and your peers here. You can't take it out of the mix as a motivator for the athletes."

"You know the turf more," Mueller said. "It's not foreign and you feel more comfortable because it's home. I would say that it helped out."

"It's always comfortable to be at home," Sherrell said.

"You know what is expected of you and you have the support around you."

The Southern track and field teams will next travel to Lawrence, Kan., where they will be competing at the University of Kansas Invitational on Saturday.

"I think we're going to have a good showing," Sherrell said. "It's always good to put our abilities up against other teams' and see where we stand."

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In the last 3:58, the Lady Miners outscored the Lions 12-1 but was unable to overcome Southern's lead.

Harrell was 6-11 with four rebounds. She is currently ranked 11th in the MIAA in rebounding with 6.2 rebounds per game. Harrell is tied for 15th in scoring 11.9 points per game.

Harrell made her 11th double-double of her three-year collegiate career at the Jan. 10 game against Northwest Missouri State University with 14 points and 12 rebounds. She has made seven double-doubles in her last 23 outings. As a team the Lions are out-rebounding their opponents by 5.8 rebounds per game.

Aubrie Hallman, junior guard, has had four 20-plus point performances this season. Hallman was four points shy of making 20.

Next up for the Lions is Truman State University at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.

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New Hampshire PRIMARY 2004

Students provide help in quest for nomination

BY JONATHAN BEVILLE
Associate Editor

MANCHESTER,N.H. — In the days before the New Hampshire Primary, at restaurants like Shirley D's Diner in Manchester, Durgan Park Restaurant in downtown Boston, and at bars, and coffee houses all across New England, conversations were centered on the race for the presidency.

Feeling the effects of governance from Washington, New Englanders, particularly those in New Hampshire, take on each issue with a fervor found only in an election year.

"My property taxes are more than my mortgage," said George Bruno, who served as the U.S. ambassador to Belize under President Bill Clinton.

Now a volunteer for the Wesley K. Clark campaign in Manchester, he stepped in from the cold to hand out Clark stickers and have a bowl of soup.

"I didn't get a check, and most people I know only got a couple hundred dollars," Bruno said. "That doesn't do anything or help anyone."

Sen. John F. Kerry (D- Mass.), spent the morning of Jan. 26 walking door-to-door in Merrimack, N.H.

Kerry's surprise victory in the Iowa Caucus on Jan. 19, gave the New Hampshire Primary an even greater significance as a field of seven Democratic presidential hopefuls fought to catch up to the senator's springboard momentum coming off a win in the Midwest.

The Dartmouth: Verbum Ultimum, America's oldest college newspaper founded in 1799, endorsed Sen. John Edwards (D-N.C.) in its Jan. 26 edition.

The editorial board of the paper applauded Edwards, calling him "the very embodiment of the American Dream," and trumpeted the senator's College for Everyone program.

In speeches before the New Hampshire electorate, Edwards called for providing $6,000 to students in need for their first two full years of college, requiring only a 10-hour a week course load.

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> **Malorie Wachtell**
> *Senior, Princeton University*

Students from across the country have been taking part in the race in New Hampshire, as well as in other states.

"This election is absolutely critical," said Kate Edwards, senior political science major at Princeton University and Edwards' daughter.

For people in college now, she said, a lot is riding on the choices made this November.

Malorie Wachtell, a senior at Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School of International and Public Policy, who came to New Hampshire's capital, Concord, in support of native Arkansan retired four-star General Wes Clark, agreed with her fellow Tiger.

"This is not the country youth want to grow up into," Wachtell said.

For her, jobs and health care are the critical issues of this election year, she said. Taking time away from her class schedule, Wachtell has been in New Hampshire talking to voters and writing letters encouraging New Hampshire residents to support her candidate.

She said it is important for people to know that every vote counts.

"How could it not?" Wachtell said. "Gore lost Florida by 537 votes. If I got half of my class at school to vote who didn't it could have made a difference."

Carter McNeese, junior history major at Milsaps College in Louisiana, originally from Florida took the semester off from his pursuit of a degree to work for Clark's campaign.

For many college students in his area, he said the conflict in Iraq is a major issue.

"There are a lot of people my age with friends in the military," McNeese said.

He said he has two friends currently stationed in Baghdad.

The American people have a very short political attention span, McNeese said.

He said Bush sent the military in to rid Iraq of weapons of mass destruction and because of ties to the perpetrators of Sept. 11.

Now, McNeese said, Bush is claiming victory in a mission to rid that nation of a dictator guilty of grievous human rights violations.

"Bush used Sept. 11; used the victims of Sept. 11; and used those families to his own ends," McNeese said.

Michelle Conty, former coordinating editor for The Chart, contributed to this article.

(Top) Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean greets a crowd of supporters Jan. 27 at Southern New Hampshire University. Dean gave a speech there after finishing second in the New Hampshire Primary.

(Second from top) Sen. John Edwards (D-N.C.) gives a speech to voters Jan. 26 at the Palace Theatre in Manchester, N.H. Edwards finished third in the primary, receiving 12 percent of the vote.

(Far Left) Political signs and banners were a common sight on Elm Street in Manchester, in the days and weeks before the primary.

(Left) The salon at the Manchester Holiday Inn was too crowded for all of Sen. John Kerry's (D-Mass) supporters. Many watched Kerry's speech on televisions in the hotel lobby.

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governor of a small state," Casey said.

And despite a second place finish in this, the first-in-the-nation primary, Dean's supporters, who crammed into the field house of SNHU in Manchester, were unrivaled in the level of their enthusiasm for their candidate.

Derrick Pendergast, sophomore biology major at SNHU, got to the field house just after voting, still two hours before the polls closed.

"Only the first 1,500 people get a ticket," Pendergast said.

Although Dean's ratings in tracking polls plummeted after Kerry's win in Iowa, many Dean faithful remained confident in their candidate's ability to remain competitive in the race.

"I think Dean is sincere," said Emily Webb, SNHU junior English major.

Webb said she was largely unaffected by Dean's so-called blow-up following his defeat in Iowa.

Other voters, however, fled the doctor's camp during the past week, as evidenced by the week-long rise in Kerry's numbers, as well as those of Sen. John Edwards (D-N.C.), and retired Army Gen. Wesley K. Clark.

Across New Hampshire, primary week concerns turned mainly to questions of electability before a national audience, and a candidate's ability to defeat the incumbent candidate Bush.

Josh Mahoney, freshman political science major at Boston University, came to Manchester for the week to support his favorite candidate, Kerry.

"Maybe I've jumped from one bandwagon to another," Mahoney said, "but after Iowa I see very little that is presidential about Dean."

Dean, however, pledged to his supporters in his election night address he was in the race to stay until January 2005.

Clark and Edwards split the third place slot in the race, receiving no delegates to the nominating convention in August, but nevertheless showing their respective abilities to win voters in regions far from home, in a contest dominated by three prominent New Englanders.

Joplin native, Al Duffy traveled to New Hampshire from his home in Kansas City to support Clark.

Duffy served in the Army with Wesley Clark Jr.

"I am here to support my friend's father," Duffy said. "I believe he would be good for America and Missouri."

"Having served in the U.S. Army, I know first hand all the good this General did for the Army and I believe he will implement the same principles of leadership and integrity as president."

Duffy cited Clark's record on affirmative action and how he implemented health care and day care for the military.

"He started programs to send soldiers and their wives to college," Duffy said.

Duffy added he is a Republican but his support is not with George W. Bush but with Democratic candidate Clark.

Duffy wasn't the only Missouri Mule in New Hampshire. Samantha Richards from St. Louis was volunteering in the Kerry camp.

"I went to Iowa last week as an interested spectator," she said.

"I knew I would vote Democrat, but I didn't know for which one. Kerry conducted himself as a compassionate professional, I respect that."

The next stop on the road to capturing the nomination is Feb. 3, when seven states, including South Carolina, Missouri and North Carolina will host their primary elections.

Since Rep. Richard Gephardt's (D-Mo.) withdrawal from the race for the presidency following his disappointing finish in Iowa, Missouri has come to have a new importance. Kerry traveled to Missouri on Jan. 28 to begin campaigning in the Show-Me State.

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